

# MRS. VANDERVEER GETS HER DIVORCE.

No Defence Made by Her Husband, a Reputed Brooklyn Millionaire.

She Was a Worcester, (Mass.), Belle When He Met and Married Her.

THEIR HAPPINESS SHORT LIVED. He Began to Neglect Her for Others After Their Child Was Born. Judge Osborn Allowed Her \$100 a Month Alimony.

Mrs. John H. Vanderveer, wife of the wealthy Brooklyn real estate owner, has obtained a decree of absolute divorce from her husband on statutory grounds.

The case was heard before Justice Osborn, of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, last week. Mr. Vanderveer made no defence, and Justice Osborn on Friday gave a decree in default, with alimony of \$100 a month for Mrs. Vanderveer, \$40 a month for the only child and counsel fees.

The Vanderveer family is one of the wealthiest and best known in Brooklyn. John H. owns much of the Twenty-sixth Ward in that city, having devised a large tract into building lots, which have since largely increased in value. As he inherited a large fortune from his father, including what are now some of the most valuable stocks and bonds of local corporations, he is reputed to be a millionaire.

Mr. Vanderveer is still a young man, being under thirty. Something over five years ago he was married to Miss Frances E. Dyson, of Worcester, Mass., where her father, Joseph Dyson, fills the office of State Building Inspector for that district.

Miss Dyson was a tall, graceful girl, with brown hair and eyes, and was much sought after in Worcester society, where she was regarded as a belle. Mr. Vanderveer met her at a summer resort, fell promptly in love, and after a brief courtship they were married and began housekeeping in the Vanderveer home, Bedford avenue and Pacific street, Brooklyn.

For the first two years the young couple lived happily. One child, Helen Louise, now three years old, was born to them. About a year ago Mrs. Vanderveer became suspicious as to her husband's fidelity. His attentions to a young woman, who was a frequent visitor to their home, were so marked that they created great uneasiness in her mind. When his wife protested Mr. Vanderveer became angry and treated her cruelly, so she, in self defence, after that neglected her. A little later his treatment became worse, and she was compelled to leave him and return to the home of her parents for a few weeks, however, a truce was made up, and Mrs. Vanderveer returned to her husband's home.

But, according to Mrs. Vanderveer's story, her husband continued his attentions to other women, and she decided to apply for divorce as soon as she could procure the evidence. She then left her home, keeping her at her Brooklyn home, keeping her at her Brooklyn home, keeping her at her Brooklyn home.

She found that on his occasional trips away from the city her husband was accompanied by a woman whose name, she says, she did not know.

Mrs. Vanderveer had kept her father posted as to what was going on, and he agreed to assist her in obtaining evidence. One day last February Mr. Vanderveer started for Providence in company with a woman. His wife telegraphed to her father, giving the time of his departure. When the train reached the depot Mr. Dyson and a detective named Patrick H. were on the platform.

Mr. Vanderveer and his companion alighted from the train and proceeded to the Narragansett Hotel, whither they were followed by Mr. Dyson and the detective. No attempt was made at any time by Mrs. Vanderveer's father to discover the identity of Mrs. Vanderveer's companion.

When the case came up before Justice Osborn, Mr. Vanderveer did not put in an appearance. Mrs. Vanderveer testified to the conduct of her husband toward other women and her father, and the detective gave their evidence.

After hearing this evidence, and there being no defence, Justice Osborn gave Mrs. Vanderveer her decree as related.

Although Mrs. Vanderveer, under the decree, will have custody of her daughter, the father will be permitted to see the child on suitable occasions.

About the time his marital troubles began Mr. Vanderveer organized the John H. Vanderveer Company, a land improvement corporation, with offices at No. 187 Montague street. While the wife's suit for divorce and the organization of this corporation may be only a coincidence, it is said that it will destroy Mrs. Vanderveer's lower rights in his estate if he survives him.

Mrs. Vanderveer is regarded as a shrewd business man, although in his school days he is said to have neglected his educational opportunities by spending most of his time hunting and fishing. He is said to be temperate generally in his habits, and economical in regard to ordinary expenses.

Smith & Bowman, of No. 38 Park Row, were Mrs. Vanderveer's attorneys.

# RESCUED FROM THE LAKE.

Kate Ryan Found Struggling in the Water by a Prospect Park Policeman and Taken Out.

Kate Ryan, thirty years of age, who says she lives at No. 3 Flushing avenue, is confined to a cot in the Seney Hospital, Brooklyn. She is charged with attempted suicide.

While Officer McFarland, of the Park Squad, was walking along the west driveway of Prospect Park, several boys told him that a woman was trying to drown herself in the lake.

When McFarland reached the spot the woman was about thirty feet from the shore and was floundering about as though trying to swim. She was almost exhausted and hysterical with fright. The policeman, after taking off his helmet and blouse, jumped into the water. McFarland is a good swimmer, and a few strokes landed him at the spot where the woman had been trying to keep her head above water.

When the officer reached the spot the woman was under water, but appeared a second later on the surface. McFarland grabbed her, and, throwing her over his shoulder, made his way back to the shore, half swimming, half treading water.

When the policeman laid her on the bank she was unconscious. An ambulance was called and she was sent to the hospital. When she recovered consciousness she told the police that she had jumped into the lake by accident. The police believe she attempted suicide and then changed her mind at the last minute. No one was found by the police who saw her 49 late the water.

The Ryan woman was plainly dressed. She will probably be arraigned on a charge of attempted suicide in the Police Court today.

It was learned later that the woman resides with her sister at Navy street and Flushing avenue. She went home last night, but she is said to have been subject to fits for years.

MRS. RANKEN VICTORIOUS. Judge Clement Decides She is Entitled to the House Eckford Webb Left to Her.

The bitter struggle for the ownership of Eckford Webb's old home at No. 78 Rush street, Brooklyn, ended yesterday in a victory for Mrs. Ranken, the plaintiff.

When the trial was resumed yesterday morning Justice Clement asked General Tracy, James's counsel, if he could advance any good reason why a verdict should not be given to Mrs. Ranken, the plaintiff.

Mr. Van Doren, who was associated with the General in the defence, read extracts from the arguments advanced at the former trial. The trend of this was that Mr. Webb was induced to make a bequest for Mrs. Ranken in the belief that she was single, and further, that she had conspired with her husband to deceive Mr. Webb and secure some of his wealth.

When Mr. Van Doren finished Justice Clement said he would not give the case to the jury for consideration. Turning toward the judge, Mrs. Ranken smiled and returned a verdict for her. The ex-judge, H. H. Dalley, the plaintiff's counsel, moved and secured an allowance of \$750 counsel fees. One defence lawyer allowed three months to prepare an appeal.

Two hundred people followed Mrs. Ranken out of the court room and a number congratulated her. The verdict in favor of the ownership of the house and its contents, which are very valuable—\$5,000 in value and \$2,000 in contents.

BOTH WANT THE WAMPUM. Trouble Likely to Come Between New and Old Trustees of the Shinnecock Indians.

Southampton, L. I., April 17.—The last Board of Trustees of the Shinnecock Indians, who are on their reservation near Southampton, in the Shinnecock Hills, finished their term of office yesterday.

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# QUININE DROVE THE OFFICER MAD.

Policeman Connors Took a Five-Grain Pill, and Then Blew Out His Brains.

Told His Young Wife He Felt Queer, and Was Impelled to Commit Suicide.

SHE LAUGHED, AND EMBRACED HIM. Then the Officer Played with His Babies, Kissed Them, and Fired the Fatal Shot—He Has a Slight Chance for Life.

Policeman Robert S. Connors, of the Hamilton Avenue Station, Brooklyn, was seized by a dose of quinine yesterday morning and sent a bullet into his brain. He made the attempt upon his life because he was told by his wife and children that he was going to die.

At the Long Island College Hospital last night it was said the officer had a slight chance of recovery.

The bullet, which was fired from a 22-calibre revolver, ploughed a deep gash across the man's forehead, crushed between his skull and into the brain. It was extracted last night at the hospital.

Connors has been attached to the Hamilton Avenue Station for two months. He has a kindly disposition and is well liked by his associates. He went out on patrol duty at midnight Thursday. He complained of feeling unwell.

Just before his tour of duty ended he went into Hofert's drug store, at the corner of Luquer street and Hamilton avenue, and purchased three quinine pills. He complained of shooting pains all over his body. Hofert told him to take a pill and go to bed, and he would be all right.

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# MARTIN DID NOT TESTIFY.

Coroner Nason Did Not Call the Detective Whose Report Caused the Merrick Tragedy.

Only three witnesses were called yesterday to testify at the inquest over the bodies of Frederick Allan Merrick and his wife, Ida, both of whom died at the hands of the former in this city at No. 79 South Fifth street, Williamsburg, early Wednesday morning. It was expected that Private Detective Richard D. Martin, who was employed by the husband to spy upon Mrs. Merrick, and whose report furnished the motive for the deed, would be called and questioned. This was not done, however.

The inquest was held in the parlor of the home of Mrs. Ann Suss, the mother of the murdered woman, at No. 115 Shepley avenue, by Coroner Nason. The witnesses were Miss Marion L. Hanley, the trained nurse, who lived with the Merricks at their South Fifth street place, and who occupied the room adjoining the one in which the murder and suicide occurred; Miss Merrick, the five-year-old son, who was the only witness to the tragedy; and Dr. Gottlieb Steinberg, of the Eastern District Hospital, who was the first physician on the scene after the shooting. The verdict was that both husband and wife died from the shock and hemorrhage caused by the pistol wounds.

Miss Hanley testified that her home is in Reading, Pa., and that she had been visiting the Merricks, whom she had known for eight years, for two weeks.

"Mrs. Teel, a sister of Mrs. Merrick, and her husband called at the house Tuesday evening," she said, "and went away about 9 o'clock. Shortly afterward Mr. Merrick and his wife retired to their room and I to mine."

"I did not hear anything until 5:30 o'clock the next morning, when I was awakened by a pistol shot in Mr. Merrick's room. I heard screams from the boy and ran to the door connecting the two rooms. It was fastened, and I then called a Mr. White who lives in a flat across the hall. While I was calling him two more shots were fired, and I saw blood on the wall."

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# FIGHTING FOR A LARGE FORTUNE.

Legitimacy of an Alleged Daughter of the Late Victor Furman in Dispute.

Estate is Valued at \$1,000,000 and Includes Property on Newtown Creek and Furman Island.

DECISION OF BURR AFFIRMED. Twenty Years Ago the Courts Decided the Question, but a Recent Decision Made It Necessary for Mrs. Braun to Prove Her Legitimacy.

Patchogue, L. I., April 17.—The legitimacy of Mrs. Minnie W. Braun, formerly Minnie W. Furman, an alleged daughter of the late Victor Furman, one of the heirs of the Garret Furman estate, according to a decision just handed down by Justice Wilmet M. Smith, of Patchogue, can be questioned by the surviving children of William H. Furman, the heirs of the Furman estate.

The estate is valued at over \$1,000,000 and includes a large amount of real property along Newtown Creek and Furman Island, in Long Island Sound. Garret Furman died in 1846, leaving the use of his property to his only son, William H. Furman. At his death the estate was to descend to his children, Garret Furman, Victor Furman and a daughter, Garret Furman, son of William Furman, brought a partition suit twenty years ago, and it was ended by a sale. Minnie Furman, now Mrs. Braun, the alleged daughter, was made a party to the suit, on account of the death of Victor. At the time the partition suit was begun by Garret his father was still alive, and it is said it was at his suggestion that the suit was instituted. The legitimacy of the daughter was established by the decree.

After the judgment was made and before the sale took place Garret made a motion to discontinue it on the ground that he had been deceived by his father and had been falsely led into bringing the suit. On August 13, 1877, a Supreme Court order allowed the discontinuance of the proceedings on the payment of costs. The application was opposed by Philip S. Cook, of Brooklyn, on behalf of Minnie Furman, and the question of the costs to be paid caused considerable controversy. The amount was fixed, but the payment was not made, and the suit was discontinued shortly afterward, and nothing was done until 1894.

In the meantime Minnie had grown up and married, and in 1904, with Minnie Furman, of Brooklyn, to whom she had transferred half her interest, a second action to partition the property was begun. The children of Garret Furman alleged that she was not the child of Victor Furman and had no interest in the estate. The counsel of Mrs. Braun then claimed that as the partition in the first partition suit had never been set aside, it was conclusive that Mrs. Braun was a daughter of Victor Furman, as her legitimacy had been conceded and recognized. When this position was taken by Mrs. Braun, the defendants, children of William Furman, tendered the payment of costs in full, which was refused. An application was then made by the children of William Furman to Judge Smith, while he was sitting in Long Island City, at the January term of court, for an order declaring the first partition suit, in which the legitimacy of the plaintiff in the second suit was conceded, discontinued as to all the parties. Judge Smith reserved his decision, but has now rendered it. Under the decision Mrs. Braun has to prove she is a child of Victor Furman before she can get any of the property.

The Manhattan Beach Railroad Company, which was the plaintiff in the second suit, has been asked to discontinue the proceedings and secured some of the property. Mrs. Braun made application for her share, and Corporation Counsel Burr decided that as long as the first partition suit remained in force, the second must be considered a legal heir and she was entitled to her share of the funds received from the sale of a portion of the property. The Corporation Counsel Burr was affirmed by the Court.

Mr. Towns appears in his own behalf, with Messrs. F. J. McGee, Henry J. Montford, Jamison, and Townsend & Wandell appear for the Furman children. Mrs. Braun will make a big fight before she is disabused.

DRANK MUSTARD COCKTAILS. Santanelli's Subjects Prove Mind Superior to Matter.

Santanelli, a hypnotist, gave a private exhibition in the Herald Square Theatre yesterday afternoon to an audience largely composed of scientists. The demonstration was given by Dr. Robert Safford, Newton, Carlton Simon, B. W. Stillwell, Charles M. Lee and J. T. Morgan, was on the stage during the experiments. Santanelli first gave a lecture, in which he claimed the existence of an "abdominal brain."

After putting six subjects in a hypnotic state he made them eat red pepper in the belief that it was sugar, and drink "cocktails" composed of mustard, vinegar, sweet oil and red pepper, without any ill effects. The doctors present declared the "cocktails" were sufficient to produce nausea in a healthy man, and the pepper, they said, could not be swallowed without intense pain, and probably fatal effects, by any one in a normal physical condition.

The hypnotist also produced three distinct pulse beats in a subject. Physicians held either wrist and a third placed his ear to the subject's heart. The right pulse registered 108 beats to the minute, the left 90 and the heart pulsations 94.

After the exhibition Dr. Simon, one of the judges, put one of the subjects into a hypnotic sleep and made him perform several antics.

CLEVELAND WILL CONGRATULATE VICTORIA. President Cleveland, the managers of the National Exposition of Electrical Appliances, has agreed to use an exposition wire on May 24, Queen Victoria's birthday, to send a cable to the British monarch, to be generated by Niagara Falls, an international wonder, and conveyed by means of ordinary wires and cables. The expedition will open May 4 and continue for thirty days.

HA-HA! HE-HE! HO-HO! The Funniest Thing you ever read will be published in the Sunday Journal.

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# Anything to Beat Consolidation.

Albany, April 17.—All the interest of the Kings County delegation centres in the probable fate of the consolidation scheme. So much are the Republicans engrossed in their endeavors to defeat the repassage of the bill, that they have for the time being sunk their jealousies and laid aside their schemes to get patronage. They spend the major part of the time during the sessions in conferences with the up-country members, who are wondering whether or not to vote for the bill in opposition to the vetoes of the Mayors. This is a powerful argument to the believers in "home rule," and the Brooklyn men are making the most of it. From present appearances it is evident that the anti-consolidationists will carry the best of the argument. Assemblyman Brennan, who led the fight against the Lexow bill, when it was passed, has again taken hold of the campaign against the measure. He, of course, has the active assistance of all his colleagues, and asserts that there are enough Republican votes pledged now to defeat the repassage of the bill. When this is out of the way the usual attention will be given to getting the grab bills through.

There is a common rumor that every Brooklyn Republican in the Legislature will either have a place for himself or places for several of his friends, when all the measures now in committee and on the calendars are passed. There does not seem to be any doubt among the members of the delegations as to the final success of the schemes to raid the Treasury. There are no factional differences on this subject, no matter how high the feeling may run on other measures. When politics are mentioned all that any of the delegation will say is that, "We are for the people who are for us."

An effort to get in a bill was made by Mr. Wilson to-day, but it was balked by Mr. McKeeven. The measure authorized Police Commissioner Welles to appoint detectives from among the police, and to put them in later, after the members have had time to consider the measure.

A few Brooklyn bills were passed by the Assembly during the session. Among them was Senator Wray's measure providing for the issue of \$100,000 worth of bonds for the use of the Park Department. He also got through his bill authorizing the Sheriff to designate deputies to attend the courts. The Brush bill, relative to the use of the Park Department surplus, was also passed. The measure providing for the registration of mortgages in the Kings County clerk's office passed during the session.

Nothing more than the routine work will be done next week, until after the vote has been taken on the repassage of the Consolidation bill. When that is safely out of the way, the Brooklyn delegation will finish up its business for the session. Out of the limited time remaining before adjournment, it is likely that there will be a rush to get the patronage bills through, and there is no reason to suppose that any of them will fail for lack of attention.

JOHNSON DREW A RAZOR. This Started a Row at a Colored Church Entertainment, and Bullets Flew Thickly.

Babylon, L. I., April 17.—A lively row, which came near ending fatally for one of the participants, took place near the home of the Rev. Jenkins Williams, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, last evening.

The members of the church had been given an entertainment at the parsonage which was largely attended by the colored people of the neighborhood. Rhonous Johnson, a large, powerful negro, kicked up a disturbance over the price of admission. At the conclusion of the entertainment Johnson, who had been drinking freely, swore he would have satisfaction out of some one. Sylvester Wood, one of the church members, tried to rebuke Johnson, when the latter turned on him with a razor.

Johnson and several of his companions drew revolvers and for a time the air was thick with bullets. Johnson was badly frightened and fled.

It is not known whether any bullets struck him or not. Pastor Williams appeared on the scene, and with a few words managed to bring the rioters to a halt. No arrests have been made as yet.

MARRIED THREE MONTHS AGO. Miss Fox Continued to Teach School and Said Nothing About It.

Miss Madeline J. Fox, a teacher in the First Ward School of Long Island City, was married three months ago to John J. Murray, a son of a wealthy monument manufacturer near Calvary Cemetery.

Miss Fox continued to teach school and said nothing about her marriage. Yesterday she resigned her position, and it then became known for the first time.

THE GRANT STATUE ARRIVES. It is Placed on the Pedestal and Will Be Unveiled Next Saturday.

The equestrian statue of General Grant reached Brooklyn yesterday and was placed on the massive granite pedestal in front of the Union League Club house, Bedford avenue, at the corner of Broadway. The statue was covered and an American flag was wrapped around the top of it.

The statue will be unveiled Saturday next. There will be a parade in connection with the ceremonies. There will be detachments of regiments of the 104th Infantry, the Grand Army of the Republic and schoolboy regiments, all under command of Colonel George A. Price, of Grant Post.

Pursuing the Broadway Railway. The delegation of labor leaders from the Central Labor Union who saw Mayor Strong early this week with regard to alleged violations of the ten-hour law by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, called on District Attorney Felt yesterday. They presented the evidence given by five discharged grimees of the company to Mayor Strong. The Council Fellows said that they would carefully consider the evidence.

Chauncy M. Depew will have the best seat at the principal table at the Montauk Club dinner to-night. Mr. Depew is a member of this popular Brooklyn club, and he is dined nightly by the members. It will be Depew night at the club to-night, and the dinner will be a very elaborate one. The thirty-fifth annual reunion of the Ninth New York Volunteers will be celebrated by a dinner at the Hotel Brunswick, Monday evening, April 20.

The tenth annual graduation exercises of the educational department of the Young Men's Christian Association will take place in the Association Hall, Twenty-first street and Fourth avenue, at 8 o'clock this evening.

# OLD RAISE HER SKIRTS TOO HIGH.

Judge Tighe Rendered a Decision in Favor of Mrs. Sutbach.

A Woman, He Declared, Has a Right to Raise Her Skirt to a Proper Height.

ALTITUDE, HOWEVER, NOT DEFINED. Bicyclist Lindblatt, Who Commented Upon Mrs. Sutbach's Action, Was Fined \$25 by the Brooklyn Solomon—A Famous Case Ended.

The skirt question has been solved by Justice Tighe, of Brooklyn. Hereafter the women of Windsor Terrace, and for that matter, all Brooklyn, may breathe freely and exercise their own sweet judgment in handling their skirts when storms are raging or when gentle calm pervades the earth.

Yesterday the famous Brooklyn Justice settled the Sutbach-Lindblatt case, which threatened to involve the entire female sex. Journal readers will recall the fact that Mrs. Minnie Sutbach had charged Lindblatt, the bicyclist, before the Solomon of the Butler Street Court, and she told his Honor why. She had occasion to cross the street on a stormy day. She raised her skirt just to the level of her shoe top to save it from being bedraggled with mud and slush.

"Oh, wow-wow!" yelled Lindblatt, who was passing. Then she alleged he added several other words of comment, which wounded Mrs. Sutbach's feelings. Judge Tighe tried the case very thoroughly and also consulted several dignified South Brooklyn matrons, and the female members of his family.

As usual, the women differed in their opinion as to propriety, modesty and personal liberty. Lindblatt and Mrs. Sutbach were in court yesterday and the benches were crowded with ladies, who rallied there in anticipation of a decision. His Honor was pale and a trifle nervous when he ascended the bench. He looked like a man overwhelmed by a sense of the tremendous responsibility imposed upon him. Finally he spoke. He said he had spent many troublesome hours and delved into ponderous law books for precedents in the case, but could find none. He would therefore have to be guided by common sense and current ideas. He said that a woman has a right to raise her skirt to any height not inconsistent with morality. He fined Lindblatt \$25.

CHOICE THINGS TO EAT. Asparagus is Now an Expensive Luxury. The Fish Market Well Stocked.

Strawberries are scarce. No real choice berries are to be had, and ordinary berries bring the fancy price of 55c a quart. Never in the history of the market has asparagus been known to receive so much attention as during the past two days. It is now selling at the high price of 55c to 75c a bunch, and unless stock is soon replenished a further advance is looked for. Green peas are in very light supply and irregular as to quality, although they sell very well at 25c a quart. Was beans and string beans are about the same price, 20c a quart. Celery is changed, bringing 20c a quart. Celery is in light supply and sells rather small at 35c to 50c a bunch. Rhubarb is more plentiful and cheaper, now selling at 10c a bunch. Tomatoes are selling well and in fair supply, listed at 25c a pound and 70c a basket. Watercress is very plentiful and cheaper, fine, large bunches selling at 6c each. Cucumbers are being received in large quantities, but are not yet in season. The stock from accumulating. New carrots bring 30c a bunch, prime radishes 3c a bunch, and parsley 6c to 7c a bunch. Cauliflower is plentiful and selling well, at 10c a head. Small heads at 5c, and large at 45c each.

At the fish stalls frogs' legs were received in the market for the first time this season late yesterday. They are still very scarce and high a good demand is noted, sales averaging 40c a pound. Shad roe is very plentiful. Soft claims bring from 25c well at 12c to 15c a pair. North River roe is somewhat cheaper, owing to the larger supply in the market, and now sell at 40c